GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Cutting of Trees
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of trees were slashed in Assam and Kaziranga National park during the last three years for construction purpose;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of trees slashed;
(c) whether the Government has taken steps for plantation of more trees in place of the slashed trees; and
(d) if so, the amount sanctioned and released in this regard along with the number of trees planted in the NE region including Assam during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) As per information received from the Assam Government, there is no large scale felling within Reserve Forest or Protected Areas. However, some trees were felled outside Reserve Forest and Protected Areas for widening of National High Way and State High Way.

Further, there is no slashing of trees in Kaziranga Tiger reserve in the last three years for the said purpose. However, trees of Bombax ceiba (Semul) are removed from the grasslands under the programme of habitat improvement.

(c) & (d) Plantation activities are taken up under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Schemes including Compensatory Afforestation under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).
The details of amount released to North Eastern States including Assam in last three years under the two major afforestation schemes of the Ministry, namely National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and Green Indian Mission (GIM), which have the components of creation of plantation are as under:

S. No. Schemes Year-wise amount Released (Rs in lakhs)
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
1. GIM 0.00 834.84 1770.64
2. NAP 5293.00 2500.00 1535.00

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